



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2874
Docket No.: 122.1489**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Koichi KIMOTSUKI, et al.

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Examiner: Ellen E. Kim

For: WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 12, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on March 12, 2004.